

SAMPLE APPROVED PROTOCOLS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OF LATEX SENSITIVE/ALLERGIC PATIENTS

PROVIDER NAME: _____ PROVIDER NO. 60 - _____

The following guidelines are to be used for providing emergency medical care to a patient with a known sensitivity or allergy to latex products.

- I. STANDARD OF CARE for the patient identified as being sensitive/allergic to latex:
 - A. Observe standard body substance isolation (BSI) procedures
 - B. Latex-free gloves will be worn by all crewmembers when in contact with patient
 - C. Remove latex agent/sources if possible
 - D. Provide emergency care as needed, but **providing critical emergency medical care should not be delayed to modify latex containing equipment**
 - E. As possible, products that are known to be latex-free are to be used during patient care and transport
 - F. If a product is required for emergency patient care and contains or possibly contains latex, cover all latex sites with cloth, gauze, or latex free tape to prevent direct patient contact
 - G. If the patient has a “latex-free treatment kit” in the home or on their person, the contents should be used as needed
- II. STANDARD EQUIPMENT Ambulance(s) and emergency care kits will carry “latex-free” kits for caring for latex sensitive/allergic patients. These kits are to be stocked with items of known content only. The “latex-free” kits will be identified by _____(colored bag or container, etc.) and will contain the following items:
 - A. A copy of this protocol
 - B. One roll clear non-latex tape
 - C. Two 4 X 4 gauze pads
 - D. One latex-free nasal cannula
 - E. One modified non-rebreather oxygen mask (Modified by removing the two latex valves in the mask. Note: This will reduce the mask’s efficiency.)
 - F. Three pairs nitrile (or other latex-free examination gloves)
 - G. Two sets of non-latex electrodes

For ALS level services, additional equipment should include:

- H. One vinyl tourniquet
- I. Latex -free angiocaths (two of each, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 gauge)
- J. Latex-free IV tubing or IV tubing with latex ports covered by latex-free tape
- K. One latex-free hand held nebulizer

Approved by: _____

Medical Director (Print)

Medical Director (Signature)

Date